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MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT PARTON
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Employment and Training

Carolyn R. Hantz

FROM: CAROLYN R. HANTZ
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for Audit

SUBJECT: Audit of COVID-19: Impact of Waivers on UI
Overpayments, Fraud Investigations, and Recoveries

Please be advised the Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit to determine if the Employment and Training Administration's guidance and oversight of pandemic-related Unemployment Insurance overpayment waivers was sufficient to prevent negative impacts to fraud investigations and recoveries. Specifically, this audit will focus on determining whether waivers had impacted the pursuit of fraud in the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation, and Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation programs.

We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference to discuss the audit objective, scope, and methodology. We plan to begin work immediately after the entrance conference and would appreciate your notifying appropriate agency officials of our plans. To facilitate the start of the audit, we have attached an initial document and data request, and we would appreciate these items being provided at the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Norwood, Audit Director, at (404) 665-4385 or Christy Powell, Audit Manager at (404) 665-4365.

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